Assistance to Rajasthan under A.I.B.P.

2750. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU):

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has requested the Central Government to give special consideration to Rajasthan in the development of Water Resources on the lines of North-Eastern States like Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, under Acclerated Irrigation Benefit Programme.;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large area of Rajasthan State is desert area apart from drought proneness of the State and a long border with Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what special consideration the Central Government propose to give to Rajasthan to meet the above demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : (a) to (c) The Government of Rajasthan has recently requested Ministry of Water Resources for inclusion of Rajasthan in the Special Category State so that it can avail special funding from the Government of India under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). The State has been advised to approach the Planning Commission who decides such matters.

Revitalisation of LLI project in Manipur

2751. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the LLI (Lower Lagyap Irrigation Project) in Manipur is failure;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken up by Government to give proper utilisation to give benefit to the production programme of the State; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to revitalise it for the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : (a) to (c) There is no project by the name Lower Lagyap Irrigation Project in Manipur. However, a project named Loktak Lift Irrigation Project was originally approved by the

Planning Commission in March, 1972 for an estimated cost of Rs. 4.62 crores. The project was completed during VII Plan at a cost of Rs. 28.79 crores. An Irrigation potential of 38.30 thousands hectare has been created under the project.

Status of Sardar Sarovar Project

2752. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to confer the status of National Project for the Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat keeping in view its importance;

(b) if so, by when the final decision will be taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Augmentation of Irrigation in N.E. Region

2753. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals received by Government regarding augmentation of irrigation during the last three years till date from North-East States, specially Assam;

(b) the number of proposals cleared by Central Government during this period in respect of each State;

(c) the estimated cost of project and funds by Central Government to North East States during each of last three years;

(d) the present status of the remaining proposals of NE States and reasons for delay;

(e) the number of irrigation projects completed in NE Region with special reference to Assam; and

(f) by when remaining projects will be completed ?